

prosecutable under currently existing state laws. H.R. 2436 would do nothing to add to the existing protections against these serious and prevalent crimes. Nearly one in every three adult women experience at least one physical assault by their partner during adulthood and drunk driving accidents continue to result in substantial loss of life in every city across the nation. Instead of focusing on purely political measures aimed at the erosion of a women's reproductive freedom, we should be enacting more appropriate penalties, passing measures to promote protection from violence, and increasing assistance to women in life threatening domestic situations.

If the sponsors of this bill truly cared about addressing violence against women, particularly pregnant women, they would have voted in support of the Lofgren Amendment that enacts strict punishments for crimes that result in the injury or death of the fetus without the inclusion of constitutionally questionable language. Or we would be considering the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that has proven to help victims of domestic violence. Clearly H.R. 2436 is more about politics and less about the protection of a woman or her fetus.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF WILLIAM SALETIC

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, the State of Washington and the Northwest seafood industry lost a valuable friend with the death of William G. Saletic on September 9, 1999. Bill had been a very important part of my state's commercial fishing industry since 1960 when he first represented the Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association. Over the next forty years he became both a leader in the industry and an important advisor to many Presidential Administrations and to all who served in the Washington Congressional delegation during that time.

At the time of his death, Bill had just recently retired from his position as President of Peter Pan Seafoods, one of the premier commercial seafood processing companies in the United States, and one of the largest in the Northwest. While at Peter Pan he found time to not only build the company into a marketing powerhouse, but he also remained involved in fishery politics through his membership on numerous boards, commissions, advisory panels and trade associations. Among these were the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, the Committee for Fisheries of the Law of the Sea, the International Pacific Salmon Fishing Commission, the Board of Directors of the National Fisheries Institute, the Board of Directors of the National Food Processors Association, the Board of Directors of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Chairman of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, and member of the Board of the Independent Colleges of Washington.

Bill's involvement in the fisheries of the Northwest and Alaska predates all those who are currently in the Congressional delegations of either Washington or Alaska. He had the chance to assist Senators Magnuson and Jackson in crafting legislation which helped to

protect our domestic salmon industry. In the 1960's and 1970's he worked with the Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter Administrations in negotiating international fishery agreements to balance access to the resource against the need to limit harvests to a sustainable level. He worked with Senators Magnuson and Stevens and Congressman DON YOUNG in the 1970's developing the legislation which extended American fishing jurisdiction out to 200 miles. And he remained active during the 1980's and 1990's as we successfully developed a whole range of commercially valuable species in the North Pacific, species which now provide employment to thousands of Washington residents.

Bill was very proud of his long involvement with the commercial fishing industry, but he was perhaps even more proud of the years of hard work that he put in working toward both a degree in Business Administration and a Masters in History from Seattle University, an institution for which he had a special fondness.

Education was always an issue of great importance to Bill, and he conveyed this value to his six children who were a great joy to him during his lifetime. He will be greatly missed by them by his wife Dolores who, sadly, had only been able to enjoy one year of retired life with Bill prior to his sudden and tragic death.

I feel that I have lost both a close advisor and a friend with the passing of Bill Saletic. He will be missed by me and by all those who had the opportunity to know him.

IN RECOGNITION OF SEAN STEPHENSON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable constituent and former intern with my office, Sean Stephenson. Sean Stephenson has a remarkable outlook on life, nutrition, and fitness. The following is an article on Sean Stephenson that was printed this summer in *The Suburban LIFE Citizen*, a local paper in my district. I encourage my colleagues to read the article and join me in applauding Sean Stephenson for his accomplishments. I wish Mr. Stephenson continued success in the future.

MAKING A CHANGE—STEPHENSON ADOPTS NEW FITNESS, HEALTH REGIMEN (By Wendy Foster)

He calls himself Mr. Tiny Universe . . . a fitness buff with a whole new look.

He is tiny . . . measuring in at 2 feet, 10 inches tall. But diminutive stature aside, La Grange resident Sean Stephenson's indomitable spirit combined with his enormous strength of character make him in fact, larger than life.

The 20-year-old was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, a genetic connective tissue and bone disorder. Stephenson has a serious form of the condition, which is characterized by bones that break easily from little if any apparent cause.

Never one to let his physical limitations affect his academic, social, or business achievements Stephenson has now set about improving his fitness and health through

what he calls a dramatic change in his lifestyle.

Late last year Stephenson had several experiences that he said changed his life drastically. This started, he recalled, with a December trip to Florida with his family to attend a Tony Robbins seminar.

Robbins is a world-renowned inspirational speaker and the author of popular self-improving books.

Calling Robbins "the world's greatest motivator," Stephenson who has launched his own inspirational speaking business explained, "He's been my hero when it comes to inspirational speaking."

A featured event scheduled toward the end of the seminar was a fire walk. During this, seminar attendees were encouraged to walk across hot coals. Stephenson went in his wheelchair over to where Robbins was helping to supervise the fire walk.

Unable to walk, Stephenson was carried over the hot coals in Robbins' arms. Stephenson recalled, "It was the most incredible experience . . . They were the most intense seconds of my life . . . It felt like an angel was carrying me up to heaven."

Stephenson and his family later had the opportunity to visit with Robbins in his hotel room. Robbins questioned Stephenson about his disability, and then put him in touch with a physician friend of his in Utah.

Several days prior to Christmas, Stephenson went to Utah to see Dr. Robert Young, a hematologist with a speciality in holistic medicine.

Explaining his visit Stephenson said, "He has a different view on medicine. He tested my blood and showed me all of the horrible garbage in my blood from eating wrong. He told me that in order to get healthy and strengthen my bones, I would need to change my eating habits."

He continued, "Every doctor, every surgeon, everyone I have ever gone to has been about taking a pill, a shot, or having more surgery. None of them have made me feel the way that a new nutritional program would . . . I didn't think anything could change with my body through nutrition. I lived on macaroni and cheese everyday. If it was green, I didn't eat it."

After his consultation with Young, Stephenson did a 180-degree turn in terms of his eating habits, becoming an avid vegan. A vegan, he explained, is someone who does not eat any animal by-product.

He has also drastically cut down on his consumption of sugar, salt and foods made with yeast. Stephenson eats tofu, rice, legumes, and water content foods, which he said are vegetables high in water content.

The one-time junk food eater now starts out his morning with steamed broccoli and olive oil on a whole wheat tortilla. Stephenson explained, "It's packed with Vitamin C and calcium and will keep me going strong till noon or later."

Stephenson drinks water laced with a product that Young calls super greens. Admitting that the concoction tastes like "fresh cut grass," Stephenson said it neutralizes acid in the body.

Describing his new eating habits Stephenson stressed, "This is not a diet. This is how I'm eating for life."

In addition to drastically changing his nutritional program, Stephenson embarked upon a strenuous exercise regime, working out for one and a half hours, five or six days each week.

He reported, "It's the best thing that's ever happened to me. I have basically gained muscle mass in massive amounts in a small time."

Stephenson developed his own exercise program on his computer. He now works out with weights, does stomach crunches and

push-ups, jogs in place while laying down, and works out with a speed chair, the kind of wheel chair used in racing competitions.

Stating that most people quit exercising because of boredom with their routines, Stephenson makes certain to alternate his workout regularly.

Stephenson reported that since he started his new nutrition program and exercise regime, "I believe that I'm a lot stronger. When I'm reaching for something, I don't feel like a bone is about to break. I feel more confident. I can now lift my own body so I know I'm stronger."

For the first time in his life, Stephenson said, he has been able to go down the stairs in his home un-aided. He observed, "It's amazing what I have been able to do." Stephenson said, "I was never told with my disorder to work out. I have had hundreds of broken bones. If I had been told to do things to strengthen my muscles in order to reduce my risk of broken bones, I would have done this years ago."

While his ongoing goal is to increase his bone density, Stephenson's long-term goal is to strengthen his muscles enough to enable him to live independently.

In what he admitted is a "wild theory" Stephenson also hopes to decrease the chances of passing on his disorder to his future children. He explained that he feels he can do this if his "body is in the best possible shape."

Stephenson now plans to use his personal experiences leading up to his lifestyle change in his inspirational speaking. He said, "If I can work out, and I have a billion and one reasons not to, then a healthy person definitely should."

Stephenson continued, "Exercising is not just for Arnold Schwarzenegger, it's for everyone. I could always say I break really easily or it's not as if I will look any stronger. I could rattle off a million of excuses and people would say I'm probably right. But I have to put myself at the same standard of health or even above if I want to be judged with everyone else."

Stephenson stated, "I look completely different than the average fitness buff. People look at me and think 'If a guy in a wheel chair can do it I need to get off my duff and do it.' I think it motivates them more than when they hear it from someone who has giant muscles. They look at me and see that even though I have things going against me, I'm willing to get out there and make the best of my own body."

Stephenson concluded, "Look at me, I'm 2'10 and I am in a wheelchair and I have every reason in the world not to work out. But I do. Why? Because I believe you need to use what you were given in life."

HONORING EMILY SANCHEZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, certainly one of the most important things we can do for our children is to pass on our knowledge to them. Emily Sanchez is someone who has done that. She has been a member of Community School Board 11 for 16 years, twice in that time serving as president of the Board. She also served as Board Secretary and chair of the budget, finance, curriculum and continuing education, personnel and zoning committees.

She hit the ground running at the School Board by leading the fight in her first term to

keep I.S. 180 open when the Central School Board wanted to close it.

She did not limit her activities to the School Board. She is also a member of Community Advisory Boards of the Jacobi Medical Center and chair of the AIDS and Support Services Committees, a member of Montefiore Medical Center as well as a member of the Co-op City Democratic Club and the Hispanic Society of Co-op City.

She did not run for re-election to the School Board and this is a loss we will feel for a long time. I want to wish her, her husband and their two sons the very best in the future and say that I and the community will dearly miss her ability and her leadership.

IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE PORT OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States Customs Service Port of Cleveland.

The United States Customs Service Port of Cleveland has worked hard for two centuries to make the Port of Cleveland a respected and renowned international port. Due to their extraordinary efforts in making the Port of Cleveland a success, the City of Cleveland has flourished and become a distinguished international trade center for the new millennium.

Following in the tradition of the United States Customs Mission Statement, the employees at the Port of Cleveland truly are the guardians of Cleveland's borders, the Nation's borders and America's frontline. For the past two hundred years, the Port of Cleveland has indeed served and protected the American Public with integrity, innovation, and pride. Furthermore, the Port of Cleveland has achieved the purpose of enforcing the laws of the United States, safeguarding revenue, and fostering lawful international trade and travel.

Not only has the Port of Cleveland fulfilled their goals outlined in their mission statement, but they have recently won the Hammer Award for their leadership in bringing national attention to the Express Consignment Industry. Placing the U.S. Customs Port of Cleveland at the forefront of trade processing, the Port of Cleveland is sure to serve as a model to be exemplified by other U.S. Customs Service Ports of Entry. Congratulations to the United States Customs Service Port of Cleveland for two hundred years of hard work, service, and dedication.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States Customs Service Port of Cleveland.

PROFILES OF SUCCESS HONORS MR. SILVESTRE HERRERA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. PASTOR. I rise before you today to pay tribute to a man who has been a lifelong ex-

ample of the courage and patriotism of the Latino soldier, Mr. Silvestre Herrera. Mr. Herrera is one of the few Mexican-Americans to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor. In Arizona, Mr. Herrera recently received the Hall of Fame Award at the Valle del Sol's Annual Profiles of Success Leadership Awards. Valle's award ceremony is the premiere Latino recognition event in Arizona each year that acknowledges Arizona's leaders and their contributions.

Silvestre's courageous actions in World War II display acts of great personal and physical sacrifice to support his fellow soldiers during combat in France. Then PFC Silvestre S. Herrera, Company E, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, attacked two enemy strong points and captured eight enemy soldiers. He paid a high price for his bravery. He stepped on a land mine and had both feet severed. But despite intense pain and unchecked loss of blood, he pinned down the enemy with accurate rifle fire while a friendly squadron captured the enemy gun by skirting the minefield and rushing in from the flank.

In addition to being a two-time winner of a Profiles of Success award—he first won in the Special Recognition category—Silvestre has used his position as a recipient of one of the nation's highest honors for heroism to promote the Latino community in everything he does. From speaking to schoolchildren to representing veterans in military parades, he continues to give selflessly to the community of his time and wisdom.

Although he has been honored numerous times for his magnificent courage, extraordinary heroism and self-sacrifice, I ask you to again join me in paying tribute to a man who is a symbol of the courage shown by Mexican-Americans during our nation's wars. Please join me in thanking him and wishing him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVISION COMMUNICATION'S WXTV/CHANNEL 41

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Univision Communication's WXTV/Channel 41 for its continuing service to the Latino community in New York. In addition to its popular news program, "Noticias 41", today the station will launch New York's first early morning Spanish-language newscast, from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute and wishing continued success to Univision Communication's WXTV/Channel 41.

The following article, which appeared in the October 4 New York Daily News, discusses Univision and Channel 41 in more detail.

NEW YORK UNIVISION AFFILIATE LAUNCHES MORNING SPANISH-LANGUAGE NEWSCAST

At the Spanish-speaking Otero home in midtown Manhattan, David Otero doesn't have to think twice when asked about the family's favorite TV station.

"Channel 41—it's out of sight," said the bilingual 27-year-old. "My mother likes the novelas and I like the comedies."

So do tens of thousands of Hispanic New Yorkers who have made Univision Communication's WXTV/Channel 41 the metro area's